Under the Action Plan drawn up for 1997, it has inter alia been agreed that the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions will invite a Chinese delegation, composed of ten official to a training course in India for a period of two weeks. The exact date and topic will be mutually decided.

Utilization of Oil Cess Levied on Crude Oil

101. SHRI PARAMESHWR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose/objective of the oil cess levied on the output of crude oil and the up-to-date accrual on account of this cess;

(b) whether the purpose/objective has been achieved; if so, in what manner and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that disbursements out of the total oil cess collected so far have been much less; if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner the undisbursed amount of the oil cess is proposed to be utilised for the laid down objectives, and by what time span?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974, provides for a levy of cess of indigenous crude oil and natural gas as a duty of excise, to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India, and the Central Government may, if Parliament by appropriation made by law in this behalf so provides, pay to the Oil Industry Development Board from time to time from out of such profits proceeds such sums of money as it may think fit for being utilised exclusively for the purposes of this Act, *viz.* for the development of oil industry, and for matters connected therewith. The net collection of the Government from cess upto 31.3.1996 was Rs. 25,955 crores approximately.

(b) Since the inception of the Act and upto March, 1996, the Oil Industry Development Board has provided a loan assistance of Rs. 6273.52 crores to the Oil Industry to supplement its resources for meeting capital and operational requirements during this period. Grants-in-Aid to the tune of Rs. 146.55 crores were also disbursed for oil sector activities upto 31.3.1996.

(c) The allocation of cess to the OIDB upto 31.3.1996 is Rs. 902.40 crores, which is around 3.45% of the net cess collection. As per Section 16 of the Oil Industry Development Act, 1974, the Central Government may pay to the Board such sums of money, as it may think fit for being utilised, as the Central Government may consider necessary.

(d) As per Section 16 of the Oil Industry Development Act, 1974, the cess is to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Government may, after due appropriation made by the Parliament by Law in this behalf, pay to the Board such sums of money out of the proceeds of cess as the Government may consider necessary. As per the Legislative provisions, the cess is credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and a part of it may be paid to the Oil Industry Development Board. To the extent, the cess collection exceeds to sums directly paid to OIDB, it becomes a resource for financing Government expenditure in and for extending direct and indirect budgetary support to the Central Public Sector Undertakings in Petroleum, Petrochemicals and Fertilizers Sectors.

Auction of the property of L&DO by Municipal Corporation of Delhi

102. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that property worth crores of rupees belonging to the Land & Development Office (L&DO) under the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment was unauthorisedly auctioned by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) Land near Satya Niketan colony area was

transferred to the then Delhi Improvement Trust in 1937. The Slum Wing of MCD advertised in 1995 to auction 9 plots measuring about 1073 sq. mt. out of this land. A Civil Writ Petition in this regard is pending in the Delhi High Court and the case is therefore sub-Judice.

Review of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission

103. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed implementation of the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM);

(b) if so, the State-wise progress of the scheme, according to the review;

(c) the amount spent on the programme, so far; and

(d) the State-wise allocations made under the programme during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Progress of coverage of villages/ habitations with safe drinking water during the Eighth Five Year (upto 1995-96) is at Annexure [*See* Appendix-179, Annexure No. 2]

(c) The amount spent under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the Eighth Five Year Plan (upto 1995-96) is Rs. 2364, 432 crore.

(d) The State-wise allocation under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during 1996-97 is shown in the statement.

Statement

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of Rajya Sabha of Question No. 103 for 21.11.96

Allocation under ARWSP during 1996-97

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Allocation
1.	Andhra Pr.	6618.00
2.	Arun. Pr.	1200.00
3.	Assam	2026.00
4.	Bihar	7795.00
5.	Goa	189.00
6.	Gujarat	4197.00
7.	Haryana	2441.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1331.00
9.	J & K	3688.00
10.	Karnataka	6087.00
11.	Kerala	3095.00
12.	M.P.	7327.00
13.	Maharashtra	8810.00
14.	Manipur	440.00
15.	Meghalaya	472.00
16.	Mizoram	337.00
17.	Nagaland	422.00
18.	Orissa	3468.00
19.	Punjab	1105.00
20.	Rajasthan	10387.00
21.	Sikkim	372.00
22.	Tamilnadu	5247.00
23.	Tripura	418.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	12278.00
25.	West Bengal	4740.00
26.	A&N Islands	25.00
27.	D & N Haveli	15.00
28.	Daman & Diu	10.00
29.	Delhi	30.00
30.	Lakshadweep	0.00
31.	Pondicherry	20.00
	TOTAL	94590.00

Court's Strictures Against CBI

104. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of certain strictures passed against the Director, CBI and on the functioning of CBI by various High Courts and the Supreme Court During the last six months; if so, the reaction of Government thereto;